

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

#### **Tours organised by ITDC**

4642. **SHRI K.V.R. CHOWDARY:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to State:

(a) the details of steps taken by the Government to construct more dormitories to attract middle class domestic tourists in the tourist centres in the country;

(b) whether regular tours are conducted by ITDC buses to Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) Central Department of Tourism provides financial assistance to State Government for construction of Yatri Niwases, Yatrikas and Tourist Lodges having dormitories to meet the requirements of budget tourists.

(b) and (c) I.T.D.C. operates daily conducted tours from Madras to Tirupati. It covers darshan at Balaji Temple and Laxmi Temple in Mangapuram.

#### **New Airport near Cochin**

4643. **SHRI P. C. THOMAS:** Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for shifting or making new airport near Cochin on account of paucity of

space; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):** (a) No. Sir.

(b) The construction of a new airport near Cochin is not a feasible proposition both because of the non-availability of suitable land as well as the very high cost of the project.

#### **Cost Over Runs of Mejia and Chamera Power Projects**

4644. **SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN:** Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the latest estimated costs of the Mejia thermal power project and the Chamera Hydro Electric Project;

(b) whether there is any cost over runs;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to commission these projects on revised cost estimates?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAJ):** (a) to (d) **A. Mejia Thermal Power Project**—The revised estimated cost of the Mejia Thermal Power Project (3×210 MW) of the Damodar Valley Corporation is Rs. 1134.00 crores (at August '89 base). There is a cost over-run of Rs. 568.00 crores over the original estimated cost of Rs. 566.00 crores (March '86 base).

The details of the cost over-run are :—

(Rs. in crores)

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| (i) Escalation             | 384.10        |
| (ii) Change in scope       | 92.14         |
| (iii) Increase in quantity | 69.61         |
| (iv) New Items             | 22.15         |
| <b>TOTAL :</b>             | <b>568.00</b> |

The revised cost estimates for the Project require clearance by the Public Investment Board and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

**B. Chamera Hydro-electric Project Stage I—The revised estimated cost of**

the Chamera Hydro-electric Power Project Stage-I (3×180 MW) of the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation is Rs. 1743.16 crores (March, 1991 price level). There is a cost over run of Rs. 933.87 crores. The details of the cost over-run are :—

(Rs. in crores)

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|----------------------------------|---------------|
| (i) Escalation                   | 293.50        |
| (ii) Change in scope             | 111.01        |
| (iii) Statutory variation        | 114.02        |
| (iv) New Items                   | 106.37        |
| (v) Interest during construction | 308.97        |
| <b>TOTAL :</b>                   | <b>933.87</b> |

The revised cost estimates for the Project require clearance by the Public Investment Board and the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

**Price of Natural Gas Supplied to Fertilizer Units**

4645. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the price per thousand cubic

metre of natural gas supplied to fertilizer units in different States. State-wise; and

(b) the reasons for the variation in prices?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The prices of natural gas have been fixed as follows with effect from 30-1-1987 :—

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| (i) Offshore gas at landfall point and onshore gas                                                                   | Rs. 1400/1000 M <sup>3</sup> |
| (ii) Gas sold along the HBJ pipeline                                                                                 | Rs. 2250/1000 M <sup>3</sup> |
| (iii) Gas sold in the N.E. states with a provision for discount upto Rs. 500/1000 M <sup>3</sup> in individual cases | Rs. 1000/1000 M <sup>3</sup> |